

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 18 and ending at page 12, line 5 as follows:

--If the card 13 is in working order and it sets the data line in said 0 state within the prescribed time Nrb, the operation is preferably continued as follows. The card continues to take the measures required for setting the normal mode, until the card 13 has been set in the normal mode. After this, the card 13 changes the state of the data line to another specific logical state, which in this example is the 1 state. This state shift from the 0 state to the 1 state is detected in the terminal 1, whereby the terminal 1 determines that the card has shifted to the normal mode, wherein the normal operation can be continued. The use of the data line in the terminal 1 can be implemented, for example, in the way shown in Fig. 3. In connection with the command to start the normal mode, for example the processor 2 of the terminal sets the first input L1 of a port 20 in the logical 1 state. Thus, the state of the second input L2 of the port 20 is shifted to the output of the port 20, which, in turn, is coupled to an interrupt input IRQ of the control unit. The program commands necessary for the interrupt process are implemented in the program code of the terminal control unit 14. When the first input of the port 20 is in the logical 0 state, changes in the state of the data line will have no effect on the state of the output of the port 20, wherein no interrupts will be generated either. The way in which the interrupt can be detected in the terminal 1 is known as such by a person skilled in the art, wherein its description in more detail will not be necessary in this context. It should also be mentioned that the above-presented embodiment example is only one possible way of implementing interrupt requests.--